

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

VERMONT MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
a/s/o ROBERT and NANCY MCNEIL, and
ROBERT and NANCY MCNEIL,
Plaintiffs,

v.

C.A. No. 04CV12257NG

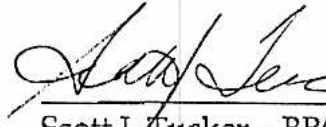
HAMILTON BEACH PROCTOR-SILEX, INC.,
Defendant.

CERTIFICATION

I, Scott J. Tucker, hereby certify that I have conferred with Scott Pinzone of Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex, Inc. and I:

- 1) have established a budget for costs of conducting the full course of discovery and alternative courses for resolution of this litigation; and
- 2) have considered the resolution of this litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs.

The Defendant,
By its Attorneys,

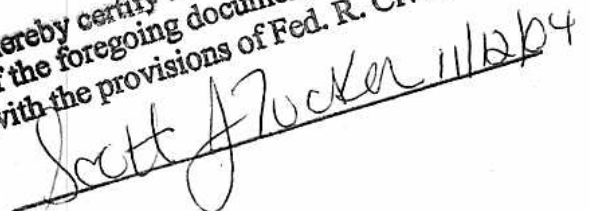


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I hereby certify that I made service
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